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RIVA LEAVES CARACAS

Italian Minister to Venezuela Ordered on Board Cruiser by His Government.

HERNANDEZ RECEIVES WELCOME

Allies Undecided Whether to Accept Arbitration Proposal Venezuela May Be Unwilling to Talk on Subject While Menaced by Guns.

Caracas, Dec. 17.—Signor De Riva, the Italian minister to Venezuela, has received orders from his government to leave Caracas this morning and go aboard the Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan. Minister Riva's family will remain here under the protection of United States Minister Bowen, in whose hands all Italian interests have been placed.

Cologne, Dec. 17.—The Cologne Gazette publishes a dispatch from Berlin, which says it is doubtful if at the present stage of the Venezuelan difficulty arbitration can be considered by Germany. German can afford to wait, the dispatch adds, the outcome of a situation that is very uncomfortable for President Castro.

Gaining Confidence. Caracas, Dec. 17.—Confidence is gradually being restored and the popular scare is appreciably abating. German and British traders have reopened their places of business and many of these who recently sought domicile in the United States legation and in the abandoned British legation, which Mr. Russell, secretary of the American legation, had reopened under the United States flag, are now returning to their shops and their homes.

There is much discussion here now of the possibility of arbitration. President Castro yesterday declined to express his views, but it was learned that persons who are close to him are unanimous in the belief that some satisfactory result through arbitration would be more readily attained if Mr. Bowen, the United States minister, were permitted to go to Washington and there discuss the question fully and frankly with the German ambassador.

The feeling is prevalent that any acceptance or discussion of arbitration here while La Guaira remains menaced by the allies' guns would be offensive to Venezuela's sense of national pride.

Hernandez Reaches La Guaira. La Guaira, Dec. 17.—The American steamer Merida, belonging to the Red D Line of New York, arrived here yesterday morning at half-past 8 o'clock from Willemstad, Curacao. On board the Merida were El Mocho Hernandez, the revolutionary general who was recently released by President Castro from prison at Maracaibo, and R. Schunck, British consul at La Guaira, who on the morning of Dec. 10 was escorted with his family from the consulate to the British cruiser Retribution by marines from that vessel.

Long before the arrival of the Merida the streets and piers of La Guaira were filled with a great crowd awaiting the arrival of "El Mocho." The people were orderly. "El Mocho" disembarked from the Merida at 9 o'clock. The train run by the harbor corporation from where steamers tie up to the pier to the customs house waited as usual for the Merida's passengers, but General Hernandez preferred to cover the distance to the customs house on foot. He was followed by an enthusiastic crowd, which cheered him all the way.

Think Germany Too Aggressive. Rome, Dec. 17.—In the lobbies of the chamber of deputies yesterday Venezuela was the exclusive topic of conversation. The opinion of a majority of the deputies is that Germany has been too aggressive in her actions, which are calculated to complicate the situation. It is therefore thought to be eminently desirable that the Venezuelan matter be settled by arbitration.

London, Dec. 17.—Rumors are current in Brussels and Copenhagen that Holland and Denmark are about to present their claims to Venezuela for a settlement.

Caracas, Dec. 17.—The Spanish minister to Venezuela, Senor Gaytan de Ayala, and the Belgian charge d'affaires, M. Van der Heyde, has presented a joint letter to the Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs, in which they ask, in case the claims of other foreign powers shall be paid by Venezuela, that the same treatment given these powers be accorded to Spain and Belgium.

Trying to Make Headway. Washington, Dec. 17.—Cable messages were passed all day yesterday between the state department and the United States ambassadors at London, Berlin and Rome and between Secretary Hay and Minister Bowen at Caracas in an endeavor to make some headway in bringing about arbitration of the claims of the three European powers now united in coercing Venezuela. They have been asked a second time to consider arbitration. Minister Bowen had not been heard from in 24 hours except to make an inquiry. The subject of this could not be learned, but it is understood to have reference to what position he should assume in view of certain eventualities which might arise in consequence of the virtual war which the allies are pressing on President Castro's government.

The situation, internationally speak-

ing, is very much in a fog. It is announced on high authority that the outlook is no worse than it was Monday, so far as the United States being dragged into the middle is concerned. The murkiness of the international atmosphere is caused by apparent indecision among the three powers themselves as to what steps they ought to take. This government does not know yet whether a blockade is to be established or not.

Promises Shared by Italy. The definite promise of Great Britain and Germany, relative to the Monroe doctrine, is now shared in by Italy. Yesterday the Italian minister called upon Secretary Hay and informed him that his government would act with Great Britain and Germany in the collection of claims against the Venezuelan government. He also took occasion to promise specifically that nothing would be done contrary to the principles of the Monroe doctrine. Upon this assurance Secretary Hay acceded to his request that Minister Bowen should take charge of Italian interests at Caracas, providing Venezuela should recognize him as the representative of Italy.

NORD ACCLAIMED PRESIDENT.

Political Opponents of New Executive Seek Refuge in United States Legation.

Port Au Prince, Hayti, Dec. 17.—General Saint-Fox Colin, minister of the interior and opponent of General Nord in the contest for the presidency, has sought refuge in the United States legation. There has been much firing in the city and a state of great excitement prevails.

All the military authorities who have been supporters of Seneca Pierre's candidacy for the presidency, and therefore opposed to General Nord, also sought refuge in the consulate. General Nord is acclaimed president by the troops and seems master of the situation, notwithstanding the fact that the majority of congress is in favor of Seneca Pierre. It is believed that General Nord will dissolve the chamber of communes and the senate and will order other elections which will result in his favor. Firing continued yesterday afternoon in the streets, but the foreign residents are in no danger.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The following cablegram has been received from Vice Consul General Jervis, dated Port Au Prince, yesterday: "General Nord arrived Sunday. Great excitement. Shooting in streets. Secretary of Interior, with general police, at legation. Serious trouble expected."

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

London, Dec. 17.—A dispatch to the Central News says that 16 men, officers and crew, of the British coal steamer Marlay are believed to have been drowned as a result of the foundering of their vessel.

Santiago de Chile, Dec. 17.—The coalition cabinet has resigned, after having been 10 days in power. The resignation of the ministers was an outcome of a disagreement between the cabinet and President Riesco over election matters.

London, Dec. 17.—In the house of commons yesterday John Redmond, the Irish leader, with the majority of his colleagues, who had absented themselves for some time, resumed their attendance and voted with the ministerial majority in favor of Sir Charles Dilke's motion to reject the house of lords' amendment to the education bill.

Manila, Dec. 14.—The governors of 35 provinces have assembled here to receive instructions regarding census work from General Sanger, the inspector general of the division of the Philippines, meet the St. Louis exposition commissioners, and discuss general affairs with the government. The provincial governors will supervise the census.

VERDICT FOR DEFENDANTS.

Dr. Irvine Will Carry Case to the Supreme Court.

Huntingdon, Pa., Dec. 17.—The case of Dr. L. N. W. Irvine, the deposed rector of St. John's Episcopal church here, against Bishop Talbot and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Elliott, of Huntingdon, for \$25,000 damages, ended yesterday, when, on motion of the attorneys for the defense, the court instructed the jury to render a verdict for the defendants. Counsel for both sides made elaborate arguments, but the charge of Judge Bailey was imperative to the jury and they rendered a verdict as instructed. Dr. Irvine and his counsel say they will appeal to the supreme court.

Big Mortgage.

Hamilton, O., Dec. 17.—A mortgage for \$3,200,000 in favor of the American Trust company of New York, was filed with the Bureau county recorder yesterday by the Cincinnati, Indiana and Western Railroad company. The amount represents 4 per cent bonds issued to take up the combined debt of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Indianapolis and the Indianapolis, Decatur and Western railroads, consolidated under the name of the Cincinnati, Indiana and Western, and which are now controlled by the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railroad.

Satisfied with Results.

New York, Dec. 17.—Dr. Adolf Lorenz, the orthopedic surgeon, of Vienna, yesterday conducted his second clinic in this city at Polytechnic Medical college and hospital. Two little sufferers from congenital hip dislocation were operated on by Dr. Lorenz, and he expressed satisfaction at the results.

PRESIDENT BAER'S STATEMENT.

No Collision With Independents and Using Every Effort to Relieve Coal Famine.

New York, Dec. 17.—President Baer, of the Reading railroad, made a statement yesterday deprecating the course pursued by the independent operators, who, it is alleged, have forced the price for their coal up to \$11.50 a ton, to shippers, equal to \$14 to the consumer.

"Unfortunately there seems to be no way to compel them to sell down to the level fixed by the railroads," said Mr. Baer. "If their sense of obligation to the people cannot deter them from asking prohibitive prices, nothing the public or the railroads can do will be of any effect. The railroads can't refuse to transport their coal; the law regulating the business of all public carriers opposes it. The charge that the railroads are selling railroad coal to independents for disposal in the open market is absolutely false. We are doing everything in our power to keep down the price of coal and to get it to market quickly."

ERIE TRAIN DITCHED.

Man Struck and Cut in Two Just Before Wreck Occurred.

Cleveland, Dec. 17.—A fast passenger train on the Erie road, went into the ditch at Newburg, a suburb, shortly after noon yesterday. The engineer, W. C. Geas, is reported to be seriously injured, while his fireman, H. H. Landon, was badly cut and bruised. Officials of the Erie road state that none of the passengers was injured.

The accident occurred at the crossing of the Erie and Cleveland and Pittsburgh tracks. Owing to the slippery condition of the track the engineer was unable to stop his engine at the crossing. The engine struck a derailling switch and went into the ditch, followed by the baggage and mail cars.

A man named Nolan, walking on the Erie tracks, was struck by the wrecked train an instant before it was derailed and cut in two.

Engineer Warren Geas, who jumped from his train and was badly injured, died in a hospital yesterday afternoon.

First Degree Verdict.

New York, Dec. 17.—Thomas Tobin yesterday was convicted of the murder of Captain James B. Craft, of Glen Cove, L. I., whose decapitated body was found about two months ago in the Empire music hall. The defense sought to prove insanity, but numerous experts testified that the prisoner was sane without doubt. The jury rendered a verdict of murder in the first degree after brief deliberation.

Decision on Ohio Municipal Code.

Columbus, O., Dec. 17.—The supreme court yesterday held the new municipal code constitutional on all the points raised against it in the case of Zumstein vs. Atkinson. The construction put upon section 116 by the Cincinnati board of legislation. The court's decision gives Cincinnati 29 instead of 32 councilmen and 24 instead of 26 wards.

NATIONAL CAPITAL NEWS.

The senate, in executive session yesterday, ratified the treaty of friendship and general relations between the United States and Spain.

While no official announcement has been made, it is understood that the president has decided to appoint Dr. W. D. Crum, the colored applicant, as collector of the port of Charleston, S. C.

Representative Martin, of South Dakota, introduced a bill in the house yesterday making Oct. 21, the anniversary of the discovery of America, a legal public holiday, to be known as Columbus day.

The war claims committee of the house yesterday reported favorably bills carrying appropriations to pay claims growing out of the cutting of cables by the United States naval forces in the war with Spain.

Senator Quarles, of Wisconsin, yesterday introduced a bill for the amendment of the anti-trust law, the purpose of which is to prevent trusts from forcing ruinous competition on rivals in the same line of business.

Additional tariff schedules filed with the interstate commerce commission by the railroads in the official classification territory, comprising all types east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac, shows that the general increase on all iron and steel articles will be 10 per cent.

President Roosevelt yesterday signed the commission of Hon. A. B. Anderson, recently appointed and confirmed as United States district judge for Indiana. The commission was forwarded to Judge Anderson immediately. Upon receipt of it he will qualify and at once enter into the discharge of his duties.

Senator Patterson, of Colorado, yesterday introduced a bill providing that all national banking associations and other national corporations for the purposes of all suits in law, shall be deemed citizens of the states in which they may be located, and that the United States courts shall not have jurisdiction in such cases other than they would have over individuals.

The sub-committee of the house judiciary committee heard Representative Hepburn yesterday in explanation of his bill appropriating \$500,000 for the use of the attorney general in the enforcement of existing anti-trust laws. In the absence of other authority of anti-trust bills, the committee went into executive session for a general consideration of the question of the anti-trust legislation.

SENATE IS OPPOSED.

President's Anti-Trust Wishes Will Be Ignored By Men of Influence.

HOUSE FAVORABLY DISPOSED.

Upper Body Willing to appropriate Funds for Enforcement of Sherman Law—Executive Thinks Something Should Be Done Before Adjournment.

Washington, Dec. 17.—There is a general opinion among the members of congress that there will be no anti-trust bill passed at this session. It is also generally understood that a measure will be passed placing at the disposal of Attorney General Knox an adequate sum of money to be used for conducting prosecutions under the Sherman anti-trust measure. President Roosevelt thinks that something should be done before the adjournment of this congress, and in the house there is a disposition to pass some trust-regulating legislation, but in the senate the proposition is not received with favor. Many of the leading Republican members of that branch do not think that any legislation is necessary and others believe that it should not be taken up at a short session. From the expressions that are heard from senators it is evident that an anti-trust bill that gets through the house will have hard sledding in the senate, with the chances greatly against its passage. But it is almost certain that some bill for the control of the big corporations will be reported to the house by the judiciary committee. Representative Charles E. Littlefield, chairman of the sub-committee to which has been referred all of the anti-trust bills introduced in the house, said yesterday:

"I do not know how soon we will finish our work and be ready to report to the judiciary committee, but there is a disposition to hurry matters as much as is consistent. We will have several more hearings, but will possibly be able to report before the holiday recess. I cannot forecast the nature of the bill that will be presented, nor can I predict whether it will pass the house. There is a great variety of opinion and we want to give all who are interested a chance to advance their views."

Considerable significance was attributed to the dinner given by the president Saturday evening, at which his guests were the secretary of the navy, the postmaster general, Senators Mitchell, Dietrich, Clapp, C. D. Clark, McComas, Penrose, Dillingham, Burnham, Burton and A. G. Foster and Representatives Jenkins, Overstreet, Parker, Littlefield, Curtis and Delegate Flynn. Among the representatives were four members of the committee on judiciary, which has charge of the anti-trust legislation and the inference was that the president would use the opportunity to confer with these gentlemen as to the bill that would be reported to the house and talk with the senators as to the chances of a bill getting through the senate if it passed the house. When asked about it yesterday, Mr. Littlefield said:

No Exchange of Views. "There was nothing said about anti-trust legislation that could be termed a conference. The matter was only referred to casually during the evening, and there was no exchange of views on the question."

A number of senators were asked yesterday for their opinions on the probability of an anti-trust bill getting through the senate at this session but none of them would say that he considered such action likely. Senator Quay said that he had been busy with other matters and had not talked with members on the subject. Senator Cullom said that it was not usual to take up matters of great importance at the short session, as the appropriation bills consumed most of the time. In fact, those who are supposed to know the lay of the land assert positively that there is no chance for action at this session beyond appropriating money for the attorney general to carry out the law now on the statute books.

As a senator expressed it: "The first thing that the Republican members of congress have to agree upon is that some action is necessary. After that they must agree upon what action is necessary. As yet there are many who are far from convinced that anything at all should be done, and while they think thus there is not much probability of any bill of this nature being passed."

Lost Both His Legs.

Pittsburg, Dec. 15.—Samuel Matthews, a brakeman, living at No. 113 Fourth avenue, Homestead, early yesterday morning accidentally fell beneath a car on the Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston railroad, at Homestead. He was taken from Homestead to the South Side hospital on a shifting engine, and both his legs were taken off near the knee. His condition is precarious. Matthews is 30 years old.

Death of Casper Dull.

Harrisburg, Dec. 14.—Casper Pennell Dull, one of the best known business men of the Juniata valley and one of the first men to develop the sand banks near McVeytown, died yesterday at his home in McVeytown, aged 67.

Boy Accidentally Kills Sister. Huntingdon, W. Va., Dec. 15.—Ida, the 8-year-old daughter of Contractor K. E. Sexton, of Central City, had almost her entire head blown off at 10 o'clock yesterday by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of her brother James, aged 15. The boy didn't know it was loaded.

Killed by Boiler Explosion. Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 15.—A boiler explosion at the Mitchell mine, of the Webster Coal and Coke company near Hastings, Saturday, killed Chas. Krebs, aged 30, married, and seriously injured Harry Heater, aged 35. The boiler house was demolished and three boilers destroyed.

Canned Salmon Causes Death. Youngstown, O., Dec. 15.—An investigation was made by Coroner Blott into the sudden death of William Blissett, a saloonist, Saturday. It was discovered that he had eaten canned salmon, and that he died from poisoning from the can.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Ohio—Snow today; brisk to high northeast winds. Tomorrow, cloudy, with snow in northeast portion.

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